

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended, deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~ or double brackets [[]], and additions are indicated by underlining:

In the claims:

1-67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended): An anchor comprising:

a plurality of struts, with substantially each one of the plurality of struts having a first end and a second end, with the second end of substantially each of the struts free, and with the first end of substantially each of the struts affixed to a fixation point;

a suture coupled to the fixation point, with the struts having a reduced delivery profile wherein they are substantially parallel to one another and a deployed profile where they extend at angles away from one another;

a fastener ~~translatablely~~ coupled to said suture and configured to retain a tension force on said suture, said fastener having a first state in which said suture is translatable through said fastener, and a second state in which said suture is restrained from translation through said fastener; and

mesh attached to one or more of the struts.

69. (Currently Amended): An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:

a first strut having ends and a middle section;

a second strut having ends and a middle section, with the middle section of the first strut overlying the middle section of the second strut;

a fixture point on at least one of the first strut and the second strut;

a suture attached to or passing through the fixture point; and

a fastener coupled to the suture and configured to retain a tension force on the suture, the fastener having a first state in which the suture is translatable through the

fastener, and a second state in which the suture is restrained from translation through the fastener;

with the first strut and the second strut moveable into a delivery configuration wherein the ends of first strut and the second strut are generally parallel to each other.

70. (Previously Presented): The anchor of claim 69 wherein the ends of the first and second struts are generally perpendicular to the middle sections of the first and second struts, when the anchor is in the delivery configuration.

71. (Previously Presented): The anchor of claim 69 further comprising a flexible material around the struts.

72. (Previously Presented): The anchor of claim 69 further comprising a third strut having a middle section overlying the middle section of the first strut.

73. (Cancelled)

74. (Currently Amended): An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:

a membrane;

a first strut attached to the membrane;

a second strut attached to the membrane;

a fixture point between the first strut and the second strut;

a suture attached to the fixture point; and

a fastener translatably coupled to said suture and configured to retain a tension force on said suture, said fastener having a first state in which said suture is translatable through said fastener, and a second state in which said suture is restrained from translation through said fastener.

75. (Previously Presented): The anchor of claim 74 with the membrane comprising a flexible material.

76. (Previously Presented): The anchor of claim 74 wherein the anchor has a delivery configuration and a deployed configuration, and wherein the first strut is substantially parallel to the second, when the anchor is in the delivery configuration.

77. (Previously Presented): The anchor of claim 74 wherein the first and second struts comprise a length of polymeric or metal wire.

78. (New): An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:
a membrane;
a strut attached to and supporting the membrane, the strut comprising a loop;
a fixture point located at or near a center of the membrane;
a suture attached to the fixture point; and
a fastener translatably coupled to the suture and configured to retain a tension force on the suture, the fastener having a first state in which the suture is translatable through the fastener, and a second state in which the suture is restrained from translation through the fastener.

79. (New): The anchor of claim 78 with the membrane comprising a flexible material.

80. (New): The anchor of claim 78 wherein the strut comprises a length of polymeric or metal wire.